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The Coals of Alberta.

The quality of a coal is largely dependent upon the pressure and the consequent temperature to which it has been subjected since the time in which it was laid down. Thus in the mountainous regions where considerable folding and squeezing of the rocks has taken place a coal may be a bituminous or anthracite form while the same coal found in the adjacent plains will probably be lignite.

In Alberta coal is found in two geological formations, the Belly River and the Edmonton. The coals of the Belly River horizon are found over an area of 25,000 square miles and are estimated to contain 13,000,000,000 tons. The principal mines working this formation are a' Lundbreck, Taber and Leatrice in the Crow's Nest region. At Lundbreck and Taber the rocks and coal have been more or less subjected to pressure producing a fair bituminous coal while at Leatrice where no earth movement has taken place they are more of a lignite nature.

Some bituminous coals upon removal of the volatile matter leave the fixed carbon and ash in a solid mass known as coke. The coals of the Crow's Nest are excellent cokers, thus yielding a superior metallurgical fuel. At the present time none of the by-products are saved in this area.

The coals of the Edmonton horizon are generally lignites, but in the foot-hills, where they have been subjected to pressure, they grade up into the bituminous. The total area of workable coal in the horizon has been estimated at 12,800 square miles with a probable coal content of 17,000,000,000 tons. The principal mines operating on this coal are situated in the vicinity of Edmonton.

Besides these two coal-bearing horizons there is exposed in some places along the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains another, the Kootenay. These coals are worked at Coleman, Banff and in the Jasper Park region. They have all been under heavy pressure during the formation of the Rocky Mountains and are consequently of a much better quality than those of the Edmonton or Belly River formation. The Cascade Basin (at Banff) has been estimated to contain 400,000,000 tons of semi-anthracite and 1,200,000,000 tons of the softer grades of coal.

The West Will Get Its Turn.

After six months of war we find ourselves to all intents and purposes calm and quiet, quite adjusted to the consequent depression and highly buoyant over the prospect of the emancipation this summer in the harvesting of a record crop.

Our senses have been numbed by the repeated recitals of the terrors of battle. We receive the news of victory with little or no show of enthusiasm, and the news of adversity brings nothing but a sullen glare; yet none the less do we appreciate the seriousness of the situation, but it merely serves to illustrate the plasticity of human nature.

In eastern Canada where the bulk of the manufactures are established considerable money has been put into circulation through the manufacture of military supplies, while

western Canada will have to wait for recompensation till the 1915 crop is harvested. If wheat prices continue to advance the westerners will be well repaid for their wait.

Will You Help?

Bassano is going to get a good deal of publicity this year, but not enough but what your help is needed at that direction.

H. W. Patin started the game by having his stationery designed to advertise the two coming conventions as well as the agricultural advantages of the district. The town stationery also advertises the conventions and a more extensive campaign is proposed.

It would be a good scheme if every business letter posted from Bassano this year carried advertising on it.

The Surging Tide of War.

The war news this week has been more to the credit of the Allies. The success of Admiral Beatty's squadron more than vindicated the policy of the admiralty.

The land forces have more than held their own in the entire battle front in both the eastern and western areas; but with the exception of the hardship the troops are compelled to endure very little news is passed over to us.

HAWKESDALE

Hawk Creek school district elected Messrs. Wrap and Haynes as trustees for 1915. Messrs. Haynes and Freibert resigned. A new school building will be erected at once.

Messrs. Haynes and Suyler have taken in the initial steps to form a livestock association, and already have enough signed to form the association.

Bob Anderson has returned from a trip to Kindersley, Sask.

W. L. Brown, of Delano, is sponsored for a petition to have this district served by a post office. Youngtown instead of Brooks, as at present.

Tuesday the 10th, saw a big fall of snow here.

Big crops and big prices, D.V., for 1915.

COLORADO COLONY NEWS

Sunday morning the thermometer registered 2° below, which is the coldest we have now had.

Colorado has an orchestra consisting of five pieces, which will no doubt produce some very fine music with a little practice.

Wm. Salzberger and family moved to Bassano to spend the rest of the winter.

Canada's 1914 Crop Returns

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—The census and statistics office has issued its final report on the yield and value of field crops in 1914. The results are as follows: Wheat, \$10,418,000 tons, \$151,000,000; barley, \$10,300 tons, \$14,000,000; hops, \$1,600,000 bushelweight, \$1,213,000 mixed grain, \$10,730,400; flax, \$7,368,000, and corn for feeding, \$9,308,000. For all field crops the total value amounts to \$63,081,300 as compared with \$62,771,500 in 1913. The increase of \$309,800 is due to the enhancement in price, which has thus more than counterbalanced the low yields of grain in consequence of the dry season.

The United Farmers Association of Alberta met in annual convention last week at Edmonton and the meetings were one of the most important yet held by that body. To the recent death of the president W. J. Tregillus, of Calgary, Vice-President Warner was in the chair.

Among the important debates at the opening session was one as to whether the union should support the Dominion Miller's Association in requesting the Dominion government to own and control a part of freight steamers for the Canadian trade. This was decided in the negative.

Another important ruling of the Edmonton convention was that the elevators should be owned by the farmers, to be separated and by an almost unanimous vote, it was decided to do away with the interlocking directorates which have existed up to now, not only in all commercial undertakings, but also within the U. F. A.

Calgary Paper Gives Mayor a Boost

The Western Standard, Calgary, publishes the following in its issue of Jan. 23rd, with reference to the candidacy of John S. Mavor:

MAJOR IS STRONG ON IMPRESSIONS

He impressed the delegates at the recent convention with his eloquence and straightforward speech. He has the distinction of being probably the youngest candidate so far before the electors in any part of the Dominion, and his career is a shining example of what a young man can do if he is bold in the right stuff.

At Fredericton, New Brunswick, Mr. Mavor received his education in the public schools of Fredericton, and in the University of New Brunswick in that city, after which he entered Dalhousie University at Halifax and in due time was graduated with degrees in arts and law after an exceptionally brilliant course.

At the examination held previous to his call to the bar of New Brunswick, Mr. Mavor and his partner, R. C. Burn, B.A., LL.B., and G. O. Fenwick, of Edmundston, all came within a fraction of the point of admission to the bar.

The present law firm of Mavor and Mavor established itself in Alberta in 1911. Both partners are natives of New Brunswick, studied law together at the University and graduated in 1911. Mr. Mavor is a resident of Bassano. He was married in Nov., 1912, to Miss Stoeves, one of his former classmates at the University of New Brunswick.

It was during this year that he began the law practice in Bassano, when the first law office was opened in that town. At that time he was without much else in the world other than a good square character and plenty of sand—although he is not a grit in politics. He has had a hard struggle, however, as people learned to know Mavor they learned to respect and have confidence in his ability and integrity, and to this no small measure is due the fact that he has had a large number of legal practice both in Calgary and Bassano.

In addition to his business, Mr. Mavor has taken an active interest in all that makes for the good of the community in which he lives. He has been president of the Bassano Branch of Trade and Commerce, a member of the Board of Trade, and has held various other public offices with distinction to the community and credit to himself.

He has also made infinite study of oil and gas and mapping conditions in the Bow Valley and it would seem to The Standard that the nominating convention had its eyes open when it selected him as its standard bearer. He not only knows the needs of the constituency but is a fine and forcible speaker, and always makes any other man seem a man on either liberal or conservative side in the district, and therefore able to stand up in the house and express his needs in a thoroughly capable manner. Mr. Mavor is a hard worker, full of perseverance, and has a reputation for absolute honesty. It is said that, regardless of politics, he has hundreds of personal friends among farmers and ranchers in the district, and it is him that happy families making friends and keeping them friendly.

It is not much of a trick to make friends—simple and superficial methods will begin their sort of thing—the real test comes when you are friends. As a trustee of the Bell-Hill-shape-on-the-back-how-the-folks school of politics he has few equals.

If elected there will be no danger that Mr. Mavor will pass the honor over to a professional politician who may be in need of a political ride. He is a man of the district, and as such has a pride in his work and will stay with the game. When a man is, as Mr. Mavor is, thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the people, a clever speaker, energetic and affable, successful in business and a fine type of well bred young Canadian, The Standard sees no reason why he should not make a most skillful representative of his people at Ottawa.

He is elected there will be no danger that he will be a burden to the nation.

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Suits cleaned and pressed, \$1.50,
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Yesterday's Alberta wheat quotations
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son's Hall on Monday. Progressive
whist was the amusement till lunch
was served and from that time till
about 2 a.m. dancing was indulged
in.

The hockey dance after the game
with Gleichen last night drew a fair
size crowd. It was near eleven
when the dancing started and it
was after three before the crowd
went home.

The final installment of "Lucile
Love" was shown in the Gen
Theatre on Monday evening and
marked the close of a most enter-
taining serial feature. Mr. Torgan
is getting a fine line of high class
films for his regular entertainments
on Monday, Wednesday and Sat-
urday evenings.

The increased length of the days
is now becoming very perceptible.
The time is flying to when the far-
mers will again be busy on the land.
There is no need to enlarge upon
what scene of activity this will
create.

The lady skaters have become
a little jealous of the men and have
just about decided to play hockey
by themselves. If ever they should
play off a game with Gleichen,
it will tax the capacity of the
rink to accommodate the crowd of
spectators.

Louis Vandel, a French reservist
from Manitoba, has been wounded
on the firing line close to Armentier,
near Nancy, by a splinter from a
bomb. He is now at a military
hospital at Nancy. The editor of
The Mail made the acquaintance of
Mr. Vandel while residing in Mani-
toba.

"The Oak Farm," the play now
being rehearsed by amateur dramatists
in town, will be presented in the
Gen Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 19th,
under the auspices of the local
Red Cross Society. The play itself
is very entertaining and in addition
to this there will be a number of
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in this town to-morrow (Friday)

night. They are bringing the
permanent players from the Grand
Theatre, Calgary, to present "The
Talker." This play is being pre-
sented in Calgary this week. After
the play a big dance is being given.

No doubt several from Bassano will
take in this special entertainment.

Although there has been an ex-
ceptionally long period of wintry
weather experienced in Alberta this
season, it was not until Tuesday
night that a real severe frost was
felt. With an absolutely clear sky
and still air, the thermometer regis-
tered thirty-nine below. Just now
the indications point to another
mild period.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—It is stated that
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